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Activation of the 180 Division

1. On 5 July 1952 the 180 Division was activated in the vicinity of Tanch'ón (128-54, 40-27) (DV-9277). The staff officers for the new unit were appointed from the North Korean army general command and the troops were surplus troops from the V and VII Corps, which had a reduction in their tables of organization. Weapons and equipment were partially supplied by deactivated units.

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Guerrilla Training Center at Hoeryōng

2. Between 11 and 13 August the Guerrilla Training Center at Hoeryōng (129-45, 42-26) (EB-6298) was moved to a mountain side about 6 miles southeast of Hoeryong. About 20,000 members of the South Korean Labor Party were to be trained and sent to South Korea through the northern Taebaek mountain range in groups of 200 to 300 during the coming winter. A separate group was to be sent from this training center to cities and towns in South Korea to undertake sabotage.

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25X1 Guerrilla Activity after the War

3. At the end of the war, the North Korean army was to be composed of two major parts, one part for the defense of North Korea and the other for offensive guerrilla operations against South Korea.

The 23 Brigade and the 81 Unit

4. Prior to 1 September the 23 Brigade was replaced by a division from the VII Corps. About 80 percent of the personnel of the 23 Brigade were to be transferred to the 81 Unit because of their previous experience fighting United Nations guerrillas. The 23 Brigade was to recruit men from Chakang Province and was to become a division before November 1952.

25X1 Air Force General Headquarters

5. On 11 September the air force general headquarters was in air-raid shelters at the former mining site at the northern base of Kobang-san (125-52, 39-03) (YD-4826). The headquarters, with 70 officers and 50 enlisted men, had been in this location since February 1952. The daily ration was 900 grams of rice with supplementary rations of pork, fish, and canned goods, better than that of the rest of the armed forces. The offices were sprayed daily with DDT and creosol. Drugs for routine ailments were available to all and the more serious cases were sent immediately to a rear hospital. Supplies were furnished by the North Korean State Planning Committee. The headquarters had one RAM (sic) radio, one elsebert² radio, and three ZIS automobiles. The officers were armed with pistols and the enlisted men with PPSh's.

VII Corps and Subordinate Units

6. Prior to 12 September the headquarters of the VII Corps was at CU-6334. The mission of the 3 Division, which was between CU-7222 and CU-6317, was training. The 37 Division was between Munch'ön (127-17, 39-17) (CU-5249) and Wonsan (127-26, 39-10) (CU-6536). The mission of the 24 Mechanized Artillery Brigade, which was in the vicinity of Majon-ni (127-08, 39-06) (CU-3929), was to shell United Nations ships and United Nations-held islands off the coast. The mission of the 7 Division, at CU-6334, was to guard the nearby coast.

25 Mechanized Artillery Brigade

7. Prior to 12 September the headquarters of the 25 Mechanized Artillery Brigade was at Nasang-ni (127-50, 39-56) (DV-0021). The brigade contained the remnants of the 733 Unit and was assigned to guard the east coast in the vicinity of T'oejo (127-47, 39-54) (CV-9617), Hongwon-myön (127-57, 40-00) (DV-1028), Hungnam (127-37, 39-50) (CV-8210), Yonp'o (127-31, 39-47) (CV-7304), and Söndokchang-ni (127-28, 39-44) (CU-6999).

III Corps

8. Prior to 17 September the headquarters of the 15 Division was in air-raid shelters at DT-1647. The 2 Regiment, 1 Division, was in air-raid shelters at DT-237547.

II Corps

9. Prior to 17 September the II Corps was at Wonsan (127-26, 39-10) (CU-6536) and was training recruits to fill its ranks. The corps was to be sent to the front in the event of an offensive in the near future.

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V Corps

10. Prior to 17 September the V Corps was to be disbanded and its personnel and equipment were to be used to strengthen the I, II, and III Corps.

25X1 1. [REDACTED] South Korean Labor Party members trained at the Hoeryong school were to operate along the front lines under Chinese Communist leadership.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. This may be phonetic spelling for a Soviet RSB series radio.

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